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**WILDWOOD**  
FLORIDA

**2022**

# CITY OF WILDWOOD PARKS & RECREATION



## PROGRAM & ACTIVITY GUIDE

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**Wildwood, FL 34785**

**Contact Us:**  
**352-461-0143**  
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# WHY WILDWOOD:

Though Wildwood has a long history of being a remote city in the woods of Sumter County since the 1800s, it has grown significantly throughout the years as a beautiful place to raise a family and enjoy the outdoors.

Conveniently placed off the Florida Turnpike and State Road 301, our town is easily accessible and a great place to come enjoy our open green space, giant Live Oak and Spanish Moss trees, or play a pickup game of baseball on our well-kept athletic fields. A town with a rich history and multigenerational families that go decades back as farmers in agriculture and industry steel workers, we are a proud community that values tradition, preservation, and innovation.

Our Parks & Recreation staff are a newly-formed team of thriving young professionals who are always ready and eager to serve our Wildwood community. With a full yearly schedule of special events and programs for all ages and families to enjoy, we strive to make our city a place you are proud to live, work, and PLAY!

## OFFICE LOCATION AND HOURS



**Wildwood Community Center**  
**6500 Powell Road**  
**Wildwood, FL 34785**

Our offices are open Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm. We are closed for all major holidays.

This is our main administrative office that can help you with making an online account, booking a room or building for your next party or special occasion, and registering for any of our events or athletic leagues.

## CONTACT US:



352-461-0134



Parks/Rec and Special Events Wildwood FL



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# VISIT ONE OF OUR PARKS!

## **MILLENNIUM PARK AND BARK PARK**

1300 HUEY STREET

- playground, pavilions, athletic fields, concession stand, basketball court, restrooms



## **LAKE DEATON PARK & BOAT RAMP**

5300 CR 155

- boat ramp, fishing dock, restrooms



## **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARK**

6938 CR 213

- playground, pavilions, basketball court, athletic fields, restrooms, concession stand, splash pad



## **CLARKE PARK**

605 WILSON STREET

- community garden plots, pavilion, basketball court

## **OXFORD PARK**

4027 CR 16

- Play ground, pickleball courts, bathrooms



## **HSTORIC BAKER HOUSE**

6106 CR 44A

- walk-through historic house tours, restrooms



**CONTACT US**

123 Anywhere St., Any City





# RENT ONE OF OUR FACILITIES!

All rentals require a refundable damage deposit at the time of booking to ensure your space is reserved. The balance for a reservation is due 14 days prior to your event and must be paid in full before your event takes place. There is a 2-hour minimum for all room rentals.

Please note, all rentals require you to clean up before leaving the property; this includes sweeping, mopping (if necessary for spills and residue), taking out the trash, and putting away all tables and chairs used.

Please note we do book rentals/parties very far in advance and your date may not be available! Please come with multiple dates in mind. We may not be able to accommodate any last-minute rentals within a two-week period depending on the location.

Reservations that are canceled with less than a 48-hour notice will receive a refund for the rental but forfeit the cost of the deposit.

**\*\*If you need assistance with putting up tables and chair for your rental, an additional fee will be applied to your rental for out staff to setup and breakdown for you.\*\***

## WILDWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

6500 Powell Road

Capacity: 30-1150

Refundable Deposit: \$200.00

Amenities: warming kitchen(s) with refrigerators and freezers, an ice machine, multi-stall restrooms in each room, **\*\*alcohol permits can be applied for at this location only\*\***

There are four rooms downstairs that can be rented individually or all together, and one hall upstairs with beautiful chandeliers for dances or weddings. Lots of parking outside and green space for wedding ceremonies, bounce houses, etc.



## MLK JR. COMMUNITY CENTER

101 Dr. MLK Jr. Avenue

Capacity: 70

Refundable Deposit: \$50.00

Amenities: warming kitchen with refrigerator and freezer, restrooms, and parking

This building is right in the heart of our community!  
Open concept room with space for a dinner party or family event!!



# RENT ONE OF OUR FACILITIES!

## OXFORD PARK COMMUNITY BUILDING

4027 CR 106

Capacity: 90

Refundable Deposit: \$50.00

Amenities: warming kitchen with refrigerator and freezer, restrooms, and parking (across the street in grass lot)

This building was recently redone with light renovations and has lots of open space for graduation parties, educational classes, or a family reunion!



## 4TH STREET SENIOR CENTER

601 Dr. MLK Jr. Avenue

Capacity: 90

Refundable Deposit: \$50.00

Amenities: warming kitchen with refrigerator and freezer, restrooms, and parking

This building is also in the heart of our community!

Open concept room with space for a dancing, educational classes, or a baby shower!

## WARFIELD AUDITORIUM

6500 Powell Road

Capacity: 190

Refundable Deposit: \$200.00

Amenities: warming kitchen with refrigerator and freezer, restrooms, and parking (across the street in grass lot)

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# SPECIAL EVENTS 2022

## SEPT. - OCT.

### FRIDAY NIGHT FALL BALL



**Date:** September 2nd  
**Time:** 6:00p - 9:00p  
**Cost:** \$5.00/child  
**Ages:** 5-12  
**Location:** Millennium Park Baseball Fields  
**Description:**  
Drop your Wildwood athlete off with us for a fun night of baseball conditioning and instruction! Each field is dedicated to a specific skill! Dinner and snacks included. Athletic attire is required!

**\*\*Pre-registration preferred but not required\*\***

### DATE NIGHT IN WILDWOOD



**Date:** October 14th  
**Time:** 6:00p - 10:00p  
**Cost:** \$5.00/child  
**Ages:** 5-12 KNO, Adults 21+  
**Location:** Kids at Wildwood Community Center, Adults at City Hall Courtyard  
**Description:**  
Fun for adults 21+ and fun for kids!  
Drop your kids off for a fun night of meeting new friends, playing games, and enjoying dinner and a movie while parents join us for an adult karaoke night with food trucks, drinks, and backyard style games!

**\*\*Pre-registration preferred but not required\*\***

### SPOOKTACULAR



**Date:** October 29th  
**Time:** 6:00p - 9:00p  
**Cost:** FREE  
**Ages:** All ages welcome!  
**Location:** Wildwood Community Center  
**Description:**  
Join us for our annual Halloween event with costume contests (for adults and kids), candy galore, vendors, games, bounce houses, and more fun for the whole family!

## REGISTRATION:

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# SPECIAL EVENTS

## NOV. - DEC.

### 5K FUN RUN & THANKSGIVING PICNIC



Date: November 19th  
Time: 9:00a - 1:00p  
Cost: FREE  
Ages: All ages welcome!  
Location: Wildwood Community Center

Bring your sneakers and favorite blanket for our first 5k fun run and Thanksgiving Picnic! Fun for the whole family to walk or run and enjoy a free lunch celebrating community unity! Music, games, and more!

### ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARADE



Date: December 10th  
Time: 9:00a  
Cost: FREE  
Ages: 5-12  
Location: Route starts at Wildwood Elementary School and goes around to City Hall and Warfield Street

Our Holly Day parade will be returning again, this year with the theme: Spirit of Wildwood! Find a seat anywhere along our parade route for performances, fun floats, and giveaways!

### WINTERFEST!



Date: December 9th  
Time: 6:00p - 9:00p  
Cost: FREE  
Ages: All ages welcome!  
Location: Wildwood City Hall

Our annual Winterfest holiday celebration is back and better than ever! Join us downtown to celebrate the holidays with singing performances from local schools, a train ride, snow, and crafts!

### COOKIES WITH SANTA



Date: December 16th  
Time: 6:30p - 8:30p  
Cost: FREE  
Ages: 5-12  
Location: Wildwood Community Center

Don't forget to come feed Santa and his reindeer! This event is fun for everyone as we decorate cookies, read a story with Ms. Claus, take pictures with Santa Claus, and make some tasty treats for his reindeer!

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# RECREATION PROGRAMS

## YOUTH

Gymnastics classes with  
Mr. Michael!  
Tuesdays

**Date:** Saturday Mornings  
**Time:** 9:00a - 10:00a  
**Cost:** FREE  
**Location:** Warfield Auditorium  
Wildwood Littles is a sports  
program for our toddler  
community. For ages 2-5, kids  
can come meet new friends and  
work on coordination and skills!

## ADULTS/SENIORS



**Date:** Every Tuesday  
**Time:** 10:00a - 12:00p  
**Cost:** FREE  
**Location:** MLK Community Center  
We do a different activity every  
Tuesday of the month in the  
following order: Bingo, Arts & Crafts,  
Board Games, Movie Matinee, and  
Lunch & Learn

**Date:** Every Tuesday  
**Time:** 10:00a - 12:00p  
**Cost:** FREE  
**Location:** MLK Community Center  
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**Date:** Every Tuesday  
**Time:** 10:00a - 12:00p  
**Cost:** FREE  
**Location:** MLK Community Center  
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# THE HISTORIC BAKER HOUSE

## COME TAKE A TRIP THROUGH HISTORY BACK TO 1890...

The Historic Baker House, built by Senator David Hume Baker in the community of Orange Home, is now a historic landmark in Wildwood, Florida. David Hume Baker, his wife Mary and son, David Matthis, relocated here from their native Kentucky home in 1886. He became one of the most successful citrus growers in the area!



He was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 1897 and the Senate in 1899 for several terms.

The Senator passed away in 1917 and was laid to rest, along with his wife, in Arlington Cemetery.

Many more details of his life, the Baker family, and this beautiful home are revealed during our hours tours!

While you're here, come and:

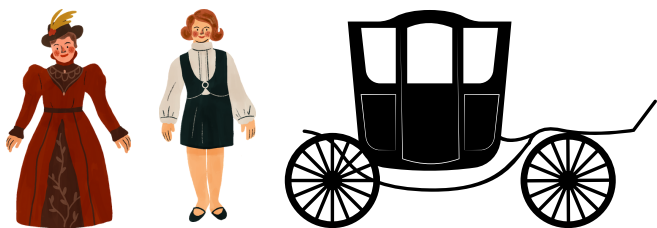
Explore this exquisite 1890's home restored to its original splendor as one of the finest homes in the area. Learn about the five generations of Bakers who inhabited the home. Enter this time capsule of another era by attending one of our special events!



## BAKER HOUSE EVENTS!

### HOMEcoming

#### THE 10TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY



We are celebrating our 10th year anniversary this year! We have invited Ms. Carolyn Baker-one of the last living family members-to the event to help us showcase this beautiful house and era-styled activities. Enjoy 1890s fashion, orange juice, and house tours all for the original price of \$5.00 per person! Event runs from 9:00a to 2:00p.

### HOLIDAY TOURS



Come visit us this holiday season and experience a truly magnificent Baker House Holiday. The house will be decorated inside and out from top to bottom as an 1890s whimsical holiday with the theme of this year: Turn of the Century: a 1900's Christmas.

## BAKER HOUSE TOURS

Daily Tours:

\$10.00 per person

Thursdays at 10:00a and 11:00a

For Private Tour:

\$12.00 per person

Please call for reservations.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with historical tours, research, woodworking and house repairs, fundraising, landscaping, decorating, and public relations! Please email [parksandrec@wildwood-fl.gov](mailto:parksandrec@wildwood-fl.gov) to apply.



# ATHLETIC LEAGUES



Coaches kids Play FREE! Sign up to be a coach today!

Children are permitted to play up an age group but may not play down!

## YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL



Registration opens October 1st

Cost: \$50/player

Ages: 5-15

Deadline: October 31st

Practices start: November 7th

## ADULT CO-ED KICKBALL



Registration opens September 1st

Cost: \$60/team (min. 10 per team)

Ages: 21+

Deadline: September 30th

Games starts: October 4th

## TRI-CITY TEENS

Registration opens \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Ages: 13-15

Leagues: Soccer

\*Games against Lady Lake and Fruitland Park  
(rotating shedule)

## WILDWOOD LITTLE LEAGUE



**WILDWOOD  
LITTLE  
LEAGUE**



Registration opens December 1st!

Cost: \$50/player

Ages: 3-4 (instructional only), 5-10

Leagues: T-ball, Softball, Baseball

\*Practices start in January\*

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# SPONSORSHIP & ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES



## JOIN TEAM WILDWOOD!

YOUTH RECREATION HAS A MAJOR IMPACT ON THE KIDS AND FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY!

YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL ATHLETICS PROGRAMS WITH A SPONSORSHIP TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THEIR PROGRAM OR SEND THEM TO COMPETE OUTSIDE OF WILDWOOD!

### DONATION AND SPONSORSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION:

Email: [parksandrec@wildwood-fl.gov](mailto:parksandrec@wildwood-fl.gov)  
Phone: 352-461-0134  
Website: [www.wildwood-fl.gov](http://www.wildwood-fl.gov)

### PLATINUM SPONSORSHIP

**\$5,000.00**

#### LEAGUE TITLE SPONSOR

- Logo and business displayed on our online WSP Athletics Database
- One team in each age group with business name on the back of the jersey
- Full color banner hung on our fields for the calendar year
- "Thank you" Plaque
- Business logo on league flier(s)
- Facebook advertising

### GOLD SPONSORSHIP

**\$2,500.00 and up**

- One team in each age group with business name on the back of the jersey
- Full color banner hung on our field for the calendar year
- "Thank you" Plaque
- Business logo on league flier(s)
- Facebook recognition

### SILVER SPONSORSHIP

**\$500.00 and up**

- One team in one age group with business name on the back of the jersey
- Banner hung on our field for the calendar year
- "Thank you" Plaque
- Business logo on league flier(s)
- Facebook recognition

### BRONZE SPONSORSHIP

**\$250.00 and up**

- Listing on group banner hung on our field for the calendar year
- Business logo on league flier(s)
- Facebook advertising

**We have many programs and events for any business to sponsor or donate to advertise their business!**

Whether is sponsoring a sport team or the prizes for our annual egg hunt, the City of Wildwood appreciates and welcomes any local business or donor who would like to take advantage of our many opportunities to advertise for their business!

Currently, we utilize our City website, Facebook, and IMLeagues to reach our patrons who use our facilities and programs for advertising. Whether you're browsing online or driving by our baseball fields, you will see us proudly representing our local business for all they do to help us grow bigger and better each year!

Your tax-deductible donation helps keep our programs low to no cost to the children and families of this community. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact us at [parksandrec@wildwood-fl.gov](mailto:parksandrec@wildwood-fl.gov) or call 352-461-0134 to speak with a staff member to see how we can help you join our team in supporting Wildwood Parks and Recreation!

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